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EVE OF BATTLE.

OFFENSIVE ASSUMED BY JAPANESE.

KOREA'S INDEPENDENCE.

LONDON, May 20.

Russians and Japanese are in close touch along the whole line in Manchuria, and a battle is imminent.

Reuter's correspondent at St. Petersburg telegraphs that the Russian telegram from the day before the battle, during the night, he says, "would not the admirals but his fast craft at the enemy? Would they be kept for future use? Would they not be lost in the sea?"

RUSSIAN COLLIERIES.

LONDON, May 19.

Forty-three Russian and German colliers are anchored off Nobe and 20 German off Cape St. James, under the observation of French warships.

POSITION OF KOREA.

RUSSIA'S NOTE TO CHINA.

Russia has informed China that the Japanese propose to convey the Emperor of Korea to Japan, and a protest has been addressed to the Powers in regard to the convention of the Powers at Seoul, Korea, guaranteeing the independence of Korea.

THE LAST DAYS OF PORT ARTHUR.

THE SUNKEN RUSSIAN BATTLE-SHIP.

The war correspondent of the Paris "Matin" states that Admiral Greigorevitch's aide-de-camp asserts that when General Stessel ordered the sinking of the Russian battleship at Port Arthur without consulting the council respecting the surrender, they assembled a number of the best sailors with the intention of setting and imprisoning General Stessel, but General Stessel, fearing the Russian would revolt, refused to permit the arrest.

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WHO TAUGHT THE JAPANESE?

General Dragomirov, dissenting from the claim of General Meckel that German instruction was the chief factor in the Japanese successes, declared that General Meckel, General Kuroki, and General Oku, whom Germany taught nothing, accomplished everything. Germany, he adds, is planning herself upon other men's successes.

COMMENTS ON THE SITUATION.

The importance of a general advance by the Japanese armies rests on the circumstance that success would bring appreciably closer the isolation of the Russian forces, and therefore the Powers whose good fortune it is to be the losers on the main struggle in the East have an interest in naval and military operations. It is not without its elements of anxiety for the allies of Great Britain, but while this must be recognized on the part of the allies, it is not without its elements of anxiety for the allies of Great Britain, but while this must be recognized on the part of the allies, it is not without its elements of anxiety for the allies of Great Britain.

THE CHICAGO BLUEBEARD.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

LONDON, May 20.

Johann Hoch has been found guilty at Chicago of the murder of women whom he married, and has been sentenced to death.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, May 20.

The "Financial Times" welcomes the evidence that the condition of Australia has rapidly improved in almost all respects.

THE COLONIAL INSTITUTE.

EMPIRE DAY.

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RUSSIA.

A GOVERNOR'S ESCAPE.

BOMB'S ACCIDENTAL EXPLOSION.

REVOLUTIONARY AND DETECTIVE KILLED.

LONDON, May 20.

Since May Day General Makolnitsch, Governor-General of Warsaw, has been frequently threatened with bombs, owing to his suppression of the demonstrations and Jewish socialists at midnight on Sunday last. In consequence of these threats he has been specially protected.

A LABOUR APPEAL.

LIABILITY OF TRADE UNIONS.

FOR UNAUTHORIZED STRIKES.

LONDON, May 20.

In the Court of Appeal yesterday, before the Master of the Rolls, Sir Richard Hann, Lord Justice Sir James Charles Mathew and Sir H. H. Cresswell, an appeal was heard from the judgment of Mr. Justice Lawrence, in the case of the Yorkshire Miners' Association and others.

THE OCEAN YACHT RACE.

VALHALLA LEADING.

LONDON, May 20.

The last news of the ocean yacht race for the German Emperor's Cup comes from Nantucket Island, off the coast of New York, about 240 miles from the start.

THE NAVY.

COLONIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

REPRESENTATION IN EMPIRE COUNCILS.

LONDON, May 21.

At the Imperial Industries Club dinner last night Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, an ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that it would be a great advantage to the Empire, if its self-governing colonies maintained an independent navy instead of joining in the cost of the great Imperial navy.

EXCESSIVE PROPAGANDA WORK.

EMPIRE ALARMED.

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The press propaganda of the German Navy League has recently been severely criticised in the Reichstag and by independent organs as calculated to excite mistrust in Great Britain and to embarrass the German Government.

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